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Split Holiday Action 3-3

Ags Drop Opening Baseball Series To Tech

A&M dropped the opening Southwest Conference series to Texas Tech two games to one on route to a 3-3 split in holiday baseball action.

A&M topped Tech in the opener 11-4 behind the 13 strikeout pitching of Bobby Falcon and a three-run homer by Mike Schraeder.

Saturday the luck of the Irish left the Ags as Tech swept the doubleheader 6-2 and 4-3.

The loss puts the Aggies two games behind the favored Texas Longhorns who swept TCU to lead the young conference race.

"We will have to play a great deal better than we did against Tech," said A&M coach Tom Chandler referring to his team's chances of nabbing the conference crown.

A&M could manage but three hits off 6-8 Tech hurler Randy

Prince in Saturday's first game, and were plagued by untimely errors and clutch Tech fielding in the second.

Earlier holiday action saw the Aggies beat Louisiana Tech 2-1 as junior college transfer Jim

Juhl won his second game for the Aggies while giving up one hit.

The series with the Cajuns was scheduled for four games but rainy weather which seems to be following the Aggies forced

postponement of the other three contests.

The Aggies whipped Sam Houston in the opening game of a doubleheader last Tuesday 6-5 but the Bearkats rallied to hang the first defeat of the season

11-2 in the nightcap.

Injuries have been part of A&M's recent downfall. Right-fielder Jim Bratsen and center-fielder John Woods have pulled muscles and pitcher Clint Thomas has a sore arm.

Bright spots have been hitting of senior Gene Ramirez and junior Jim Hacker. Ramirez

nine runs batted in for 10 and is hitting .379. Hacker broken out of an early slump

boost his average to .333. He also been a pleasant surprise

the plate and is the leading regular with a .400 average.

Falcon has been the most impressive pitcher with 17 outs in 15 1/3 innings.

The Aggies go to Houston today and Saturday for a game series with the Bearkats. Chandler said he would wait late in the week to announce starting lineup and pitching rotation.

A&M is now 7-3 for the year and 1-2 in league play.

Tennis Team Splits Weekend Pair, Prepares For Tournament Action

After a two-week layoff, Texas A&M's tennis team split two matches over the weekend and now post an impressive 5-2 dual meet record.

Friday the Aggies shut out Sam Houston State, 7-0, and then fell to highly-touted Oklahoma, 6-3, Saturday.

Highlighting Saturday's action was A&M top-seed, Bill Wright defeating OU's All-America prospect, Barr Baynton. Wright, a sophomore, took the match in three sets, 6-3, 3-6 and 6-2. Head coach Omar Smith said he was very impressed with Wright's performance.

In the only other singles win, senior Lawton Park won the fourth-seed match defeating Jack Hughes, 2-6, 6-1 and 7-6.

5 Ag Tankers Go To NCAA's

Coach Dennis Fosdick and five Texas A&M swimmers left yesterday for the NCAA Championships which begin Wednesday at Knoxville, Tenn.

Steve Prentice will compete in the 100 and 200-yard backstroke events. Doug Meaden will swim the 200 and 500-yard freestyle; Eric Wolff the 100-yard freestyle and Meaden, Wolff, Lester Hamann and Jimmy Yates will compete in the 800-yard freestyle relay.

In doubles action, the Aggies won only one of three tilts with Park again in the limelight with teammate Kermit Smith. They defeated Dale Quigley and Jim Bowles in straight sets, 7-5 and 6-4.

Against Sam Houston, A&M completely outclassed the hapless Bearkats as all matches were won in straight sets. Sam Houston won only 20 of the 104 games played.

Action gets heavy this week as A&M will compete five of the next seven days beginning with a dual contest against Houston Wednesday. Thursday, Friday and Saturday the Aggies will compete in the Rice Intercollegiate tournament and will finish

the week hosting Oklahoma City on Sunday beginning at 1:30 on Varsity Courts.

RESULTS

Oklahoma 6, A&M 3

Singles
 Bill Wright, A&M, def. Barr Baynton, 6-3, 3-6, 6-2.
 Rick Lashley, OU, def. Dan Courson, 7-6, 6-2.
 Daryl Hess, OU, def. Bill Hoover, 6-4, 4-6, 7-5.
 Lawton Park, A&M, def. Jack Hughes, 2-6, 6-1, 7-6.
 Dale Quigley, OU, def. Mike Mills, 6-2, 7-5.
 Jim Bowles, OU, def. Kermit Smith, 6-1, 6-2.

Doubles

Baynton-Hess, OU, def. Wright-Hoover, 6-2, 3-6, 6-2.

Lashley-Hughes, OU, def. Courson-Carter Lomax, 6-4, 7-6.

Park-Smith, A&M, def. Quigley-Bowles, 7-5, 6-4.

A&M 7, Sam Houston 0

Singles
 Bill Wright, A&M, def. John Porter, 6-0, 6-3.
 Dan Courson, A&M, def. Tommy Ballard, 6-1, 6-2.
 Billy Hoover, A&M, def. Mike Ellis, 6-0, 6-0.
 Lawton Park, A&M, def. David Tejada, 6-4, 6-0.
 Mike Mills, A&M, def. Larry York, 6-0, 6-2.

Doubles

Courson-Lomax, A&M, def. Tejada-Porter, 6-3, 6-4.
 Wright-Hoover, A&M, def. Ballard-Ellisor, 6-1, 6-0.

Four Indianapolis Winners To Compete In Texas World Speedways Twin 200's

Four former Indianapolis 500 winners are recent entries for the Texas Twin 200's at Texas World Speedway, on Saturday, April 7.

Drivers A. J. Foyt, Al and Bobby Unser, and Mario Andretti will be among the top contenders to battle at speeds in excess of 200 miles per hour over the 2-mile, high-banked super speedway. Among the four, they have chalked up seven victories at Indianapolis in the last 12 years.

Foyt, one of only four men to have won three 500-milers at the

famed Brickyard, won his first 500 in 1961 and again in '64 and '67. He is the only active driver in USAC who could win a record fourth Indy 500 this season.

Brothers Al and Bobby Unser have won three of the Indy classics. Bobby was the first to score, winning in 1968. Two years later, Al received the checkered flag for his first of two consecutive wins at Indianapolis. Al is one of only four men to have back-to-back victories.

Mario Andretti, who holds the unofficial world's closed course

speed record at the Texas World Speedway with a speed of 211.765 miles per hour, crossed the finish line first in the 1969 Indianapolis 500.

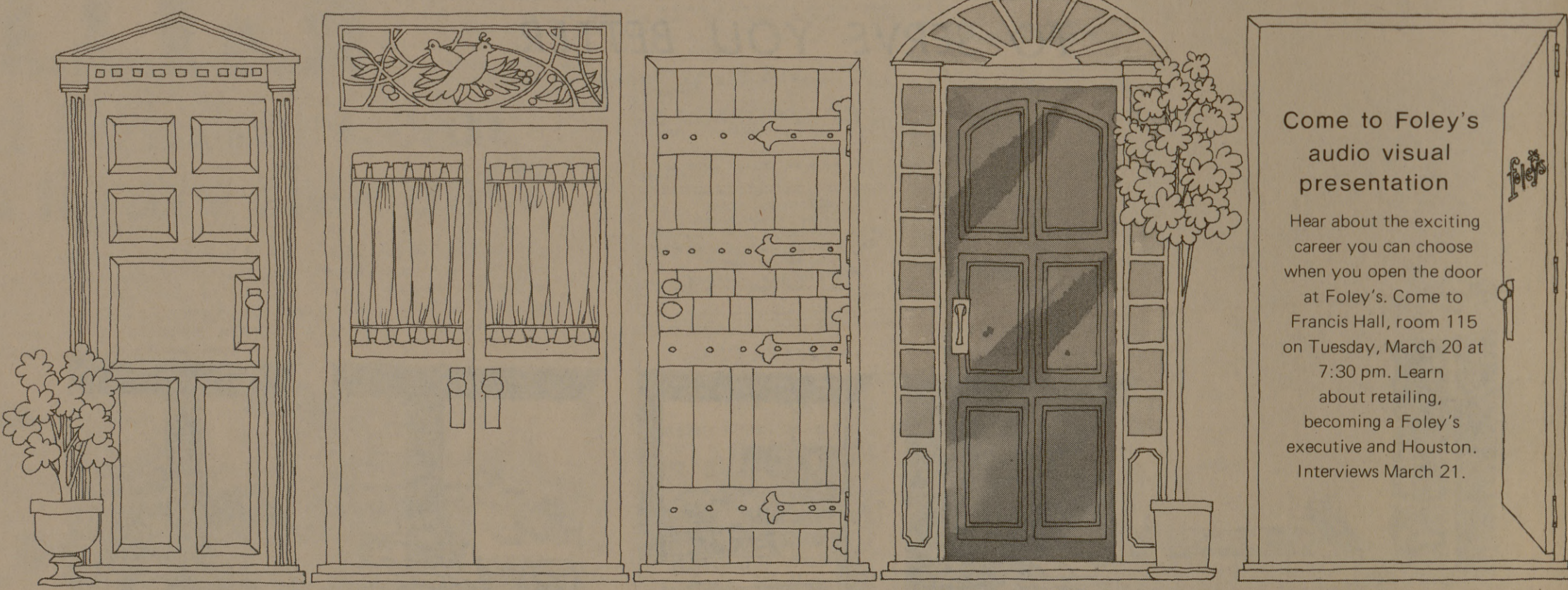
In addition to seven Indianapolis 500 victories, these four drivers also have 10 National Driving Championships to their credit. Foyt leads with five championships, followed by Andretti with three. Andretti won his first title during his first full season in 1965, the same year that he entered his first 500. Both Al and Bobby Unser have clinched the championship once.

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